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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNICATIONS

ATTENTION:

SUBJECT: Project BGSPEED, EE-10.1

REFERENCE: Memo to Chief, EE, from Perry T. Johnson,
dtd 10 September 1951, Same Subject.

1. It is understood that referenced memorandum left your office 24 September 1951. As it had not been received by the afternoon of 26 September, this office arranged for the loan of a file copy.

2. It is apparent from the referenced memorandum that there has been a misunderstanding of the request submitted to your office by [redacted], dated 20 August 1951. In his memorandum, [redacted] asked that you submit "your recommendations and comments regarding the feasibility and desirability of conducting further tests and of making further alterations to the antenna and other elements of the (radio) apparatus" in the light of the field conclusion that "the medium-wave broadcasting equipment aboard the BGFIEND covert vessel will not dependably deliver a useful signal at distances exceeding 65 miles". In an effort to clarify [redacted] request, your comment is requested on this specific quotation:

"Medium-wave equipment as installed this vessel will not dependably deliver useful signal this area at distances exceeding 65 miles because of high noise level, channel interference and inherent limitations antenna system."

[redacted] IN 20146)*

(An expansion and explanation of this statement and other pertinent comments may be found in Attachment A to 711-CAGWU, a copy of which was submitted to your office on or about 14 September 1951 by [redacted] it is understood that this document is now in the hands of [redacted] of your office.) It is requested that your comments include:

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a. A statement of the opinion of your office concerning the significance of the above quotation.

b. Your recommendations for or against further testing of the broadcasting equipment aboard the vessel in the light of the problems presented in this quotation.

3. As to Paragraph 4 of reference, ~~this office is prepared to remedy the condition of the vessel to permit further testing of the radio equipment~~ provided you are of the opinion that there are no conditions independent of and/or limitations inherent in the broadcasting equipment preclusive to its successful operation.

4. Because the maintenance of the vessel in Greece, pending a determination of her fate, costs approximately \$6,500 per month, your early consideration of this matter is urgently requested.

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Policy Coordination

further tests could be
conducted in another and more seaworthy
vessel of similar dimensions